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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SEISHI EJIRI)
Appln. No.: 08/997,706)
Filed: December 23, 1997)
For: DATA COMMUNICATION)
SYSTEM)
January 23, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal with a Petition For Extension Of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Supplemental to the Request For Reconsideration dated December 16, 2003, in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, please further amend the above-identified application as follows. Changes to the claims, in which only Claim 7 is amended, are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 16.

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